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MEMORANDUM FOR:
Office of the Assistant to the DCI

FROM : Major General Jack E. Thomas, USAF (Ret.)
Acting Associate Deputy to the DCI for
the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : Two Speeches and an Interview on "The Future
of Intelligence"

1. Reference is the presentation I made at Green Bay, Wisconsin on 24 April at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Department of the Reserve Officers' Association--as per the request from your office. More than 100 officers and their wives were present.

2. On my arrival at the hotel where the convention was being held, I was told that local news and TV reporters were waiting for me.

3. Since I was making an unclassified speech at an open convention, I was in no position to object.

4. Attached is a copy of the story which appeared in the Green Bay newspaper on 25 April. I had not seen it until today, when it arrived with a letter from LtC Peter G. Sahagian (also enclosed) which suggests I might be invited to speak at the national Fall Service Affairs Conference in Milwaukee.

5. I did not see it, but I was told that a brief TV report was broadcast the evening of 24 April. The TV reporters asked me, "Is a CIA really necessary?"--and my comment stressed the necessity for an organization with the analytic and collection capabilities of CIA in today's world.

6. My talk at Green Bay was derived in part from the texts of speeches which General Walters has given recently.